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SUBJECT: FIRST COMBAT ACTION AGAINST SUBVERSIVES BY AIR FORCE

1. NEWS MEDIA REPORTED ANNOUNCEMENT BY MILITARY SPOKESMAN THAT AIR FORCE EXECUTED THEIR FIRST OPERATION AGAINST SUBVERSIVES FRIDAY (NOV 7). DOUGLAS A 4B SKYHAWKS WERE USED IN BOMBING RAIDS AGAINST SUSPECTED GUERILLA HIDEOUTS IN TUCUMAN MOUNTAINS BEFORE THE 5TH INFANTRY BRIGAD MOVED IN ON THE GROUND. THE OPERATION WAS TERMED "SUCCESSFUL" BY MILITARY. DAO IS SUBMITTING DETAILED REPORT.

2. ONLY PREVIOUS INVOLVEMENT OF AIR FORCE IN MILITARY STRUGGLE AGAINST SUBVERSIVES WAS RECONNAISSANCE AND AIR TRANSPORT. AIR FORCE PARTICIPATION IN ANTI-SUBVERSIVE FIELD OPERATIONS IS SIGNIFICANT, THEREFORE, IN THAT IT INDICATES POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED COORDINATION AND JOINT OPERATIONS ON PART OF THREE SERVICES -- SOMETHING WHICH UNTIL NOW WOEFULLY LACKING.

3. ALSO IN TUCUMAN OVER WEEKEND, SIX ALLEGED ERP MEMBERS AND 2 SOLDIERS WERE KILLED WHEN SUBVERSIVE AND MILITARY GROUPS CLASHED NOV 8. ROSARIO ARMY UNITS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED NEARLY 300 PEOPLE OVER THE WEEKEND AND IN MENDOZA, PROVINCIAL POLICE CLAIM NEARLY 1,300 SEIZED.
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